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SUBJ: SITREP 24: ATTEMPTED COUP IN MANILA, AS OF 1345
DECEMBER 3.

1. SECRET - ENTIRE TEXT

2. ~~THERE IS A LULL IN THE FIGHTING IN MAKATI, BUT~~
AMERICAN CITIZENS THERE REPORT THAT THE SINGAPORE EMBASSY

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IS EVACUATING ITS LIMITED NUMBER OF CITIZENS. REBEL TROOPS HAVE BEEN SEEN ON THE TOP OF THE RITZ AND TWIN TOWERS AND THE INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL. GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE PRESENT ALONG PARTS OF EDSA AND SPORADIC FIGHTING OCCURS. EMBASSY CONTINUALLY ADVISING ALL AMERICANS TO STAY PUT AND, WHEN FIRING IS HEARD, TO TAKE COVER IN SAFEST AREAS AVAILABLE SUCH AS BEDROOMS OR OTHER HARDENED AREAS. WE HAVE ADVISED STRONGLY FOR EVERYONE TO STAY OFF THE STREETS. WE DO NOT BELIEVE ANY EVACUATION OF AMERICANS FROM MAKATI HOTELS IS POSSIBLE OR ADVISABLE NOW. //

3. SITUATION AT CAMP AGUINALDO CONTINUES TO BE ONE WHERE LOYAL UNITS ARE CONSOLIDATING GAINS. ACCORDING TO ONE DAO SOURCE THE F-5 AND SIKORSKY HELICOPTER AIR STRIKES ARE ACCURATE, BUT THE REBELS HAVE VOWED TO FIGHT TO THE END AND ARE REPORTEDLY MASSING SOME PERSONNEL IN THE WHITE PLAINS AREA. TAGALOG RADIO REPORTS STATE A HOUSE BELIEVED TO BE THE REBEL COMMAND POST, IS ON FIRE NEAR THE MORMON CHURCH IN WHITE PLAINS. EARLIER, DAO REPORTED THAT AFP HAD IDENTIFIED A HOUSE IN WHITE PLAINS AS THE REBEL COMMAND POST AND PLANNED TO BOMB IT. IT NOW APPEARS THIS HAS TAKEN PLACE.

4. A GOP PANEL HEADED BY PRESS SECRETARY AZCUNA CONDUCTED A PRESS CONFERENCE AT NOON. AZCUNA IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT SURRENDERING REBEL TROOPS WOULD BE GIVEN "CONSIDERATION" AND ONLY COUP LEADERS WOULD BE PUNISHED. IN ADDITION, FOREIGN SECRETARY MANGLAPUS DENIED THAT THERE WAS CURRENTLY ANY FOREIGN MILITARY INTERVENTION. PDP-LABAN LEADER SENATOR AGUILINO PIMENTEL WAS ALSO QUOTED ON THE RADIO AS ASKING RHETORICALLY WHY THE NACIONALISTA PARTY DENOUNCED FOREIGN INTERVENTION WHILE FAILING TO DENOUNCE THE COUP EFFORT. PLATT##

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